

Deputy Director (Administration)

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Legislative Counsel

CIA Construction -- Weekly Report #3

Ref: Memo to DD/A from undersigned
dated 10 August 1951, Subj: CIA Construction
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1. On 14 August the House passed the Military Construction bill, including the provision for the construction of a CIA building. This authorization legislation now goes to the Senate Armed Services Committee for consideration. Tentative plans call for Senate Committee hearings to commence on 20 August.

2. As soon as we have a definite commitment as to the site of the building, it is recommended that the Director brief Senators Russell and Byrd, as recommended in my memorandum of 31 July 1951.

3. I have informed George Harvey, Chief Clerk of the House Appropriations Committee, that funds for the CIA building are included in the Military Construction appropriations request which comes before the Armed Services Appropriations Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee (Congressman Mahon, Subcommittee Chairman and Congressman Cannon, full Committee Chairman). Mr. Harvey expressed regret that we had not included this item in our regular appropriation, thus avoiding further discussion of CIA activities. I explained to him how the situation had come about and that the Bureau of the Budget had made the determinations by which we were bound. Mr. Harvey will inform Congressman Mahon and Congressman Cannon regarding our funds, and inform me as to what action they desire us to take as far as testimony in this project is concerned.

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cc- Comptroller
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